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You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") caused the following entry to be made:

On December 16, 2003, the Counsel for the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") and Northern Indiana Fuel and Light ("NIFL") appeared and participated in an informal Attorneys' Conference. Based on the agreement of the parties, the Presiding Officers hereby set the following procedural schedule in this matter. The Presiding Officers also find that the above captioned proceedings shall be consolidated.

1. **NIFL's Prefiling Date.** NIFL should prefile with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on or before February 23, 2004. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

2. **Prefiling Date of the OUCC.** The OUCC shall prefile with the Commission its prepared testimony, and exhibits constituting their respective case-in-chief on or before April 19, 2004. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

3. **Rebuttal Prefiling Date.** NIFL shall prefile with the Commission its rebuttal testimony on or before May 17, 2004. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

4. **Evidentiary Hearing.** The testimony of the Parties should be presented in an Evidentiary Hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m., EST on June 3, 2004, in Room E306 of the Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties should be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, NIFL should present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of the OUCC's or Intervenor's witnesses. In the event that the parties reach settlement on any of the issues in this matter, the settlement agreement should be submitted to the Commission on or before May 25, 2004.

5. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and should be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request should be made within seven (7) business days of the receipt of such request, and any requests filed with the Commission after 12 noon will be deemed to have been filed the next business day.

6. **Prefiling of Workpapers.** When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party should concurrently file copies of the work papers used to produce that evidence. Copies of same should also be provided to any other party requesting such in writing. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two (2) copies of each document should be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

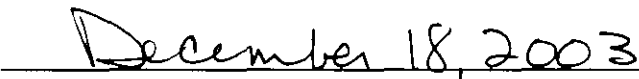
7. **Number of Copies/Corrections.** With the exception of work papers, the parties should file with the Commission an original and thirteen (13) copies of all prefiled testimony and exhibits. Any corrections to prefiled testimony should be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections. Although the Commission's rules require that original copies be one-sided, it is the Commission's preference that duplicate copies use both sides of the paper.

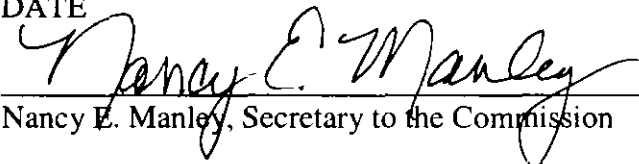
8. **Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause should be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
David W. Hadley, Commissioner

  
Scott R. Storms, Chief Administrative Law Judge

  
DATE

  
Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission